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# ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON VOLUNTARY FOREIGN AID

## **PUBLIC MEETING: REFLECTIONS FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON VOLUNTARY FOREIGN ASSISTANCE**

You are cordially invited to attend the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid's (ACVFA) public meeting. The meeting is free and open to the public.

**Jack Morton Auditorium, George Washington University**

805 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20052

The closest Metro stop is Foggy Bottom. Parking is available at garages at the 22<sup>nd</sup> and I Street, NW lot (pay to park)

**Wednesday, March 11, 2009, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (end time is approximate)**

### **MEETING HIGHLIGHTS** *(topics are subject to change and do not necessarily reflect the order of the agenda)*

**Keynote: USAID Transition and Policy Updates:** Acting Administrator Alonzo Fulgham will provide an update on continuing policy issues at the Agency as well as an update on the transition to the new administration.

**Reflections from the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Assistance:** The ACVFA will provide a perspective on three important issues in foreign assistance: leadership, partnership, and a strengthened USAID development capacity. In addition, ACVFA members will summarize the recommendations from its papers on the foreign assistance framework that are particularly relevant to the new Administration.

**Update on Foreign Assistance:** Deputy Secretary of State Jacob Lew has been invited to provide an update on foreign assistance. This will be followed by a panel discussion/commentary from Steven Radelet (Center for Global Development), George Ingram (Academy for Educational Development), and Carol Adelman (Hudson Institute).

**ONLINE REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION:** Pre-register for the meeting and join the ACVFA list serve at [http://www.usaid.gov/about\\_usaid/acvfa](http://www.usaid.gov/about_usaid/acvfa) . Participants will be able to register on site; **pre-registration is strongly encouraged**. Questions, please contact Deborah Lewis at [dlewis@usaid.gov](mailto:dlewis@usaid.gov) or call 202-712-0936.

The ACVFA is an expert body that advises USAID and other U.S. government agencies on international development and humanitarian assistance issues. ACVFA members are private citizens appointed by the USAID Administrator and serve without compensation. The committee's public meetings, held three times per year, serve as forums for consultation between the public and private sectors on a broad range of foreign assistance matters.